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ENDURING RELIEF OF INADEQUATE MYOCARDIAL FUNCTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the second paragraph of the specification with the following
paragraph that has been re-written in clean form.

This application is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/198,874, filed November 24,
1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,159,993, which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 08/680,684,
filed July 17, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,861,399.